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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. customs district by continent arrangement. Effective January 1966, some changes were made in customs districts as shown in the January 1966 edition of Schedule D, Code Classification of United States Customs Districts and Ports Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. The Schedule D revisions which were made effective January 1966 for statistical purposes reflect changes in the Bureau of Customs field service organization occurring, for Customs administrative purposes, during the first six months of 1966. The districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at 2 million dollars or more during the calendar year 1965.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons detailed customs district of lading and country and continent of destination data are not shown in published export statistics for selected commodities, referred to as Special Category commodities. The data for individual customs districts and continents, therefore, exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but over-all shipping weight and value totals for exports of Special Category commodities are included in table 1. Effective January 1965, some changes were made in security restrictions, without a corresponding change in restrictions applying to earlier periods. Therefore, the current customs district and continent totals include data for exports of some commodities which are no longer classified as Special Category commodities beginning in 1965, but which were not included in customs district and continent totals prior to 1965 since they were classified as Special Category commodities at that time. Because of this, and also because of changes in the content of Special Category commodities effective January 1965, the district and continent statistics currently shown in this report are not completely comparable with those for periods prior to 1965. Further information regarding Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 are also included in some of the figures shown in the "Total" columns in table 1, as footnoted. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The

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following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability on a 2 chances out of 3 basis of value totals. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. armed forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

Effective July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $251 and over. With the exception of the value data shown in the column for "All carriers", the statistics shown in table 2 for value and shipping weight reflect fully compiled data exclusively. The value data shown for "All carriers" represent fully compiled data combined with estimated data for shipments valued $250 or less reported on both formal and informal entries, based on a 1-percent sample of such shipments. (Informal entries, by definition, contain items valued not more than $250.)

Prior to July 1965, the airborne general import statistics reflected fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued $100 and over. Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 were entirely excluded from the airborne import statistics. Estimated data for informal entry shipments valued $250 or less, based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments, were included in the column showing value data for "All carriers" in table 2, but were excluded from the other statistics in this table.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than three percent while value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Table 1.--SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading[1]	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total		North America[1]	South America[1]	Europe[1]	Asia[1]	Australia and Oceania[1]	Africa[1]	Total		North America[1]	South America[1]	Europe[1]	Asia[1]	Australia and Oceania[1]	Africa[1]
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	[2]46,437	(X)	11,141	6,088	20,873	3,594	492	1,080	[23]265,180	(X)	37,308	19,008	161,806	30,068	4,762	4,980
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	[4]15,763	4,917	1,872	6,515	1,623	128	542	(X)	[4]87,864	15,365	6,383	50,030	12,545	1,037	1,397
Boston, Mass.....	611	247	140	-	447	15	3	6	4,474	2,070	760	-	3,575	93	14	32
Buffalo, N.Y.....	100	99	100	-	(Z)	-	-	-	638	621	635	-	3	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	25,058	8,597	3,097	1,726	17,972	1,484	103	674	177,992	56,743	14,983	8,276	138,728	10,847	1,065	4,093
Philadelphia, Pa.....	270	78	35	-	186	37	2	10	1,311	331	65	-	958	155	40	93
Baltimore, Md.....	95	88	9	(Z)	51	34	-	(Z)	418	373	67	2	327	16	-	6
Charleston, S.C.....	4	4	1	2	-	1	-	1	44	44	2	2	-	32	-	8
Savannah, Ga.....	4	4	-	-	4	(Z)	-	-	8	8	-	-	7	1	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	394	88	339	41	13	(Z)	(Z)	1	1,036	358	856	147	30	1	(Z)	2
Laredo, Tex.....	201	120	193	(Z)	7	-	-	-	603	514	590	1	12	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	1,095	509	153	65	359	424	72	22	11,290	4,656	760	215	4,463	4,758	904	191
San Francisco, Calif...	1,817	723	22	12	238	1,265	273	7	17,658	4,995	225	94	2,739	12,088	2,443	69
Portland, Oreg.....	49	49	-	-	49	(Z)	1	-	1,204	1,202	-	-	1,202	1	1	-
Seattle, Wash.....	251	212	161	1	28	56	4	1	1,771	1,516	1,124	12	194	349	87	6
Juneau, Alaska.....	19	7	-	-	11	8	-	-	94	10	-	-	61	33	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	87	59	1	1	1	62	21	-	496	198	26	4	34	331	100	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	92	92	92	-	-	-	-	-	360	360	360	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N.D.....	70	70	70	-	-	-	-	-	151	151	151	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	71	71	70	-	-	1	-	-	181	181	172	-	-	9	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	226	134	71	-	135	10	1	9	1,162	710	82	-	916	126	16	22
Chicago, Ill.....	2,636	648	1,258	(Z)	1,199	149	1	29	13,857	3,133	6,387	2	6,334	979	23	131
Cleveland, Ohio.....	327	10	320	-	2	5	-	-	1,199	50	1,152	-	16	30	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	35	35	14	-	21	-	-	(Z)	824	824	152	-	672	-	-	(Z)
San Juan, P.R.....	785	617	426	81	-	-	-	278	742	511	593	131	-	-	-	18
Miami, Fla.....	8,398	2,740	4,252	4,116	22	2	3	2	17,267	5,410	7,005	10,013	206	31	6	5
Houston, Tex.....	391	245	161	39	104	41	6	41	2,580	1,682	644	104	1,279	189	62	302
All other districts[5]...	3,106	51	157	3	21	-	1	(Z)	5,468	108	516	5	50	-	1	1
Special Category[6].....	246	166	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	2,353	1,107	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero. D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] All data shown throughout the table for the individual selected districts and the individual continents exclude shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100.

[2] Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100.

[3] Includes an estimated $75 million carryover from August due to unusual delays in receipt of certain declarations. The shipping weight figure corresponding to the $75 million has not been determined.

[4] Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities.

[5] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

[6] Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.--SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	20,650	(X)	2,895	1,242	12,278	4,068	52	115	155,299	(X)	17,650	4,805	99,275	27,511	1,064	1,723
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	9,898	1,422	522	5,169	2,733	18	34	(X)	62,265	6,302	2,670	36,242	16,219	483	348
Boston, Mass.....	274	88	57	-	189	27	-	1	2,875	1,472	1,017	-	1,574	160	-	19
Buffalo, N.Y.....	58	41	56	-	1	-	-	-	1,166	875	1,060	-	15	-	-	-
New York City, N.Y.....	12,354	5,143	287	442	10,618	887	12	107	102,748	36,360	3,059	3,352	86,750	6,335	249	1,661
Philadelphia, Pa.....	55	29	10	-	46	(Z)	-	-	714	385	53	-	499	7	-	-
Baltimore, Md.....	137	120	6	4	97	29	1	-	1,466	1,232	253	39	1,109	28	1	-
Charleston, S.C.....	(Z)	-	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	3	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	168	68	161	-	7	-	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	184	160	167	(Z)	6	11	-	(Z)	250	178	113	(Z)	57	58	-	1
Laredo, Tex.....	459	418	459	-	(Z)	-	-	-	256	167	230	-	1	-	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	1,232	890	40	9	205	967	10	1	8,895	4,776	281	34	2,024	5,456	564	8
San Francisco, Calif...	1,595	1,020	10	2	103	1,463	14	2	12,720	7,188	241	27	905	11,264	173	9
Portland, Oreg.....	10	5	2	-	7	1	(Z)	-	129	24	17	-	43	4	1	-
Seattle, Wash.....	360	334	18	-	30	312	-	-	2,234	2,031	360	-	196	1,655	-	-
Juneau, Alaska.....	18	14	-	-	3	14	-	-	109	78	-	-	30	78	-	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	64	42	9	-	1	41	13	-	330	256	10	-	12	207	70	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	74	40	41	-	-	-	-	-
Pembina, N.D.....	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	10	8	10	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	8	5	5	-	-	3	-	-	90	34	35	-	-	34	-	-
Detroit, Mich.....	313	246	27	-	279	3	1	2	882	366	132	-	662	62	1	5
Chicago, Ill.....	1,101	528	256	(Z)	618	226	(Z)	1	13,092	3,563	6,784	3	4,543	1,545	1	18
Cleveland, Ohio.....	75	20	42	-	13	20	-	-	899	310	361	-	186	309	-	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	25	9	-	-	9	(Z)	-	-
San Juan, P.R.....	310	159	180	110	19	1	-	-	448	147	136	115	85	27	-	-
Miami, Fla.....	1,877	515	1,124	670	31	52	(Z)	-	4,597	2,427	2,564	1,189	435	222	5	-
Houston, Tex.....	61	56	48	4	9	(Z)	-	(Z)	311	101	61	46	108	27	-	1
All other districts....	97	61	84	(Z)	1	13	-	-	808	170	671	(Z)	26	31	-	-

- Represents zero. X Not applicable. Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data for shipments valued less than $251 reported on formal and informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated data of shipments valued less than $251 reported on formal and informal entries which are excluded from all continent data and data for U.S. flag carriers.

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